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November 2, 2012

William H. Becker
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Bill:

Great River Energy (GRE), an electric cooperative corporation located in Maple Grove, Minnesota, is preparing to exercise the use of eminent domain for the purpose of procuring an easement and right of way on Blandin Paper Company lands over which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part with Outdoor Heritage Funds. GRE intends to construct a new high voltage transmission line in the resulting right of way. The State conservation easement will remain in place after the condemnation action.

The affected parcels are located Section 22 Township 62N R26W and Sections 33, 34, & 35 of Township 58N R23W of Itasca, County (see map). The total area impacted is approximately 11.09 acres and the new power line will cross approximately 2 miles of eased Blandin property, largely along existing roads with a minimum amount of additional land clearing expected. This project will result in the construction of approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of new transmission line and $1 \frac{1}{4}$ mile of replacement transmission line.

GRE has prepared a Statement of Compensation that shows that total expected compensation paid out from this action to be \$21,985. The easement's share of the total compensation is estimated to be approximately \$8,976 ($0.4082954 \times \$21,985$). We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and propose that approximately 77.7% of the \$8,976 or \$6,974 be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF provided approximately 77.7% of the acquisition costs and private funds contributed approximately 22.3%).

Please contact me if you have any questions and I will be happy to provide additional information or answer questions from the Council as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Peterson".

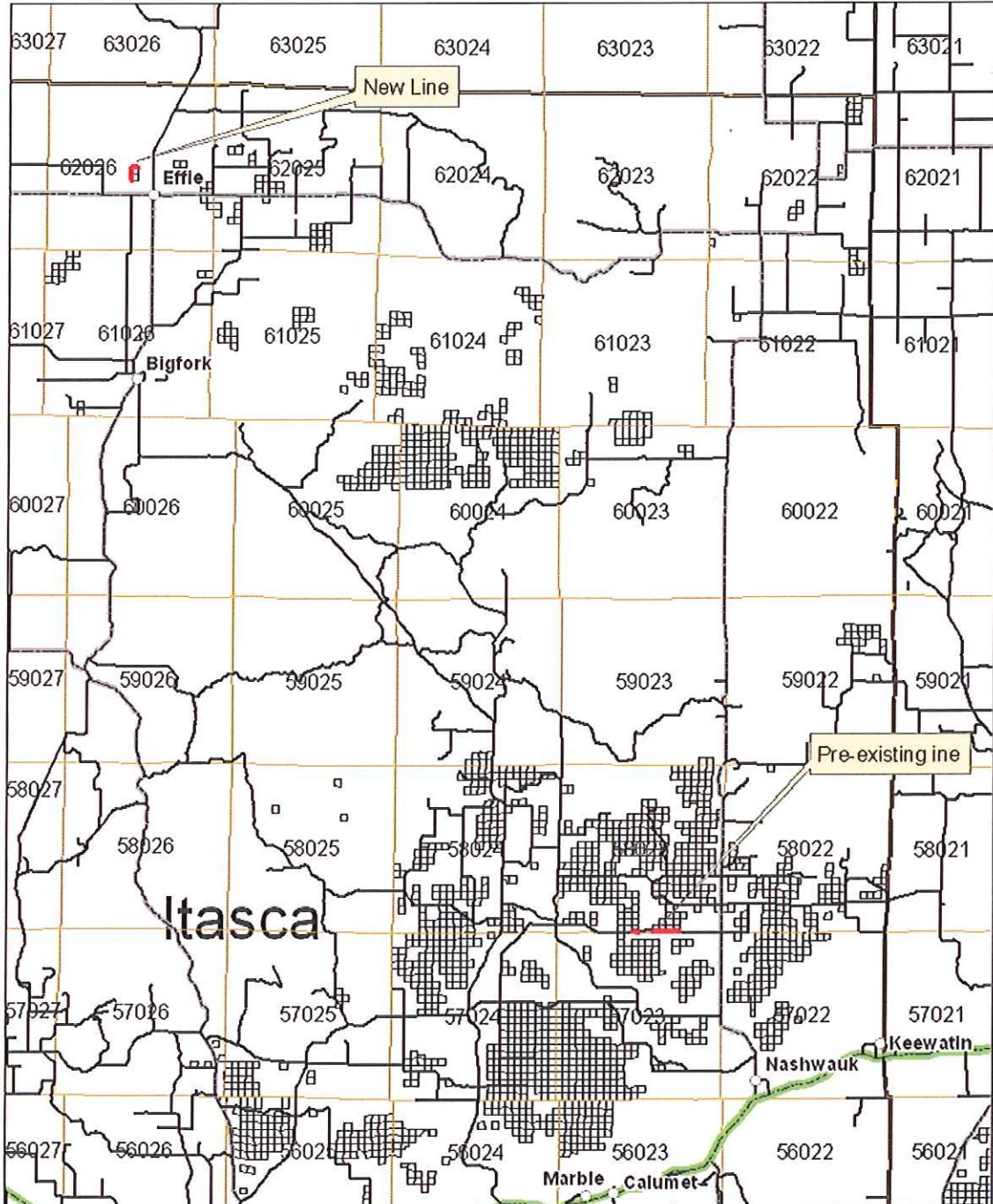
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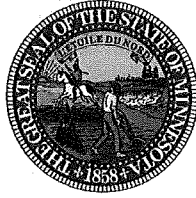
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Blandin Paper Company □
Proposed GRE Power Line —



Map 10/30/12 rp



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Pursuant to M.S. 97A.056, Subdivision 15, this letter notifies you that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council has received notice from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources concerning a condemnation by a public utility of interest in land funded with Outdoor Heritage Funds (MN Laws 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3). The attached letter from Mr. Richard Peterson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forest Legacy Coordinator, describes the action. Deposit of the proceeds of condemnation (\$6,974.00) into the Outdoor Heritage Fund will be a decision item on the Council's agenda for December 11, 2012. Please contact me if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

William H. Becker
Executive Director

CC: LSOHC Members

Attachment: Letter from Richard Peterson to William H. Becker, November 2, 2012